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SUBJECT: MALAYSIA: NO RESPONSE YET ON INVITATION TO  
LUNCHEON HOSTED BY MRS. BUSH, SEPT. 24

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Embassy conveyed Mrs. Laura Bush's invitation to Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi's wife, Datin Seri Jeanne Abdullah, via diplomatic note on August 28, and we have followed up since then with Malaysian officials. On September 10, the Foreign Ministry's Americas Division informed us that the Prime Minister and his wife do not yet have a firm travel itinerary for attending UNGA. According to the MFA, the Prime Minister and Mrs. Abdullah will most likely arrive in New York on the evening of September 24 or on September 25. In addition, the Foreign Ministry did not know if the Muslim fasting month would preclude Mrs. Abdullah's participation in the lunch. We will continue to request a formal response to this invitation.

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